

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 1069**

LCO No. 5488

**AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE METROPOLITAN  
DISTRICT IN HARTFORD COUNTY AND EXTENDING THE MATURITY  
DATE FOR MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE SYSTEM BONDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 39 of number 511 of the special  
2 acts of 1929, as amended by special act 80-14, special act 90-14 and  
3 section 1 of special act 08-9, is amended to read as follows (*Effective*  
4 *October 1, 2015*):

5 (b) Whenever any work shall be necessary to execute or perfect any  
6 public work or improvement, or whenever any supplies for the district  
7 shall be needed for any particular purpose and such work or supplies  
8 shall involve the expenditure of more than twenty-five thousand dollars,  
9 except in the case of an emergency to be determined by the district  
10 board, a written contract for such work or supplies shall be made under  
11 such regulations or ordinances as the district board may establish, which  
12 contract shall be based on sealed bids. At least ten calendar days prior to  
13 the time designated for opening competitive bids or proposals, the  
14 district shall solicit competitive bids or proposals by (1) publishing notice  
15 in daily and weekly newspapers servicing the member municipalities  
16 provided a description of such legal notice containing a brief summary  
17 of the competitive bid or proposal being noticed and a reference to the

18 Internet web site of the newspaper in which such legal notice is placed  
19 may be published in lieu of the full legal notice, and (2) posting notice on  
20 the Internet web site of the district. Any newspaper that offers  
21 publication of such legal notices on an Internet web site shall post the full  
22 legal notice in a conspicuous location on such web site and make any  
23 such full legal notice available to the public free of charge. The district  
24 may send such notice to trade associations or other groups active in the  
25 business or service solicited. Each contract awarded by the district shall  
26 be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder with bid requirements, except  
27 as provided in this subsection.

28 Sec. 2. Section 14 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as  
29 amended by section 1 of number 332 of the special acts of 1931,  
30 number 127 of the special acts of 1947, section 2 of special act 79-102,  
31 special act 80-13, section 1 of special act 83-31 and section 5 of special  
32 act 90-27, is amended to read as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

33 (a) Appropriations to be financed by the issuance of bonds, notes or  
34 other obligations of the district may be made at any time upon approval  
35 of the district board and recommendation of the board of finance in  
36 accordance with section 20 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929.

37 (b) (1) Any appropriation in excess of [five million dollars] the amount  
38 set forth in subdivision (2) of this subsection for any single item of capital  
39 expense not regularly recurring, including, but not limited to, a capital  
40 purpose, a public improvement or an extraordinary expenditure which  
41 may properly be financed long-term rather than from current revenues,  
42 notwithstanding that such appropriation is included in the budget to be  
43 met from current revenues, [and any financing lease under which the  
44 total amount of payments shall be in excess of five million dollars,] shall  
45 be approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire district board and by a  
46 majority of the electors of the district at a referendum of the district  
47 called by the district board in accordance with the requirements of  
48 section 5 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as amended by special  
49 act 77-54; provided an appropriation for any reason involving not more  
50 than [ten million dollars] twice the amount set forth in subdivision (2) of

51 this subsection in any one year for the purpose of meeting a public  
52 emergency threatening the lives, health or property of citizens of the  
53 district may be made upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the entire  
54 district board without submission to the electors of the district; provided  
55 further, appropriations may be made in any amount without submission  
56 to the electors of the district for any public improvement all or a portion  
57 of which is to be paid for by assessments of benefits or from funds  
58 established to pay for waste or water facilities pursuant to section 13 of  
59 number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as amended by number 366 of the  
60 special acts of 1949, special act 77-54 and special act 83-31. Upon  
61 determining that any appropriation in effect on the effective date of  
62 this section or thereafter is in excess of the amount set forth in this  
63 section, the amount of the appropriation shall be reduced by the  
64 amount of the appropriation which has been, is committed to be or in  
65 the judgment of the district board, which shall be conclusive, is  
66 expected to be met by federal or state grants. The district board may  
67 determine, in the case of appropriations for water, sewer and utility line  
68 extensions and improvements, or the installation or replacement of  
69 service meters, the definition of what shall constitute a single item of  
70 capital expense for purposes of compliance with the referendum  
71 requirement of this section. Such determination may be contained in the  
72 capital budget or a resolution making such appropriation or authorizing  
73 the issuance of bonds, notes or obligations of the district and any such  
74 determination shall be final and conclusive.

75 (2) On and after October 1, 2015, the threshold amount for purposes of  
76 subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be twenty million dollars. Such  
77 amount shall be adjusted annually thereafter on October first by a  
78 percentage equal to the increase, if any, in the consumer price index for  
79 urban consumers during the preceding twelve-month period, as  
80 determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
81 Statistics.

82 Sec. 3. Section 49 of number 511 of the special acts of 1929, as  
83 amended by section 4 of number 332 of the special acts of 1931, as  
84 amended by number 245 of the special acts of 1945, is amended to read

85 as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

86 Such lien shall take precedence over all other liens or incumbrances  
87 except taxes due to the state and town, and such lien may be foreclosed  
88 in the name of The Metropolitan District in the same manner as if the  
89 lien were a mortgage on such property in favor of said district, to  
90 secure the amount of such costs, charges or assessments, and a  
91 certificate of such lien describing the property on which the same  
92 exists and the amount thereof shall be filed with the town clerk of the  
93 town wherein such lien accrued, but no such lien shall attach unless  
94 such certificate, signed by the executive secretary or other authorized  
95 representative of the water bureau of said district, describing the  
96 property on which the lien exists and the amount to be claimed by said  
97 district as a lien thereon, shall be filed with such town clerk within  
98 [one year] two years after the assessment or charge shall have become  
99 payable.

100 Sec. 4. Section 7-263 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
101 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

102 Bonds, notes or other obligations issued under the authority of this  
103 chapter (1) shall be in serial form (A) maturing in annual or  
104 semiannual installments of principal that shall substantially equalize  
105 the aggregate amount of principal and interest due in each annual  
106 period, commencing with the first annual period in which an  
107 installment of principal is due, or (B) maturing in annual or  
108 semiannual installments of principal no one of which shall exceed by  
109 more than fifty per cent the amount of any prior installment, or (2)  
110 shall be in term form with mandatory deposit of sinking fund  
111 payments into a sinking fund in amounts (A) sufficient to redeem or  
112 amortize the principal of the obligations in annual or semiannual  
113 installments that shall substantially equalize the aggregate amount of  
114 principal redeemed or amortized and interest due in each annual  
115 period, commencing with the first annual period in which a  
116 mandatory sinking fund payment becomes due, or (B) sufficient to  
117 redeem or amortize the principal of the obligations in annual or

118 semiannual installments no one of which shall exceed by more than  
119 fifty per cent the amount of any prior installment, provided such  
120 requirements will be deemed to have been met with respect to any  
121 issue if they would have been met by the issue taken together with all  
122 other bonds, notes or other obligations previously issued under this  
123 chapter, any provision of the general statutes or any special act and  
124 declared by the municipality to be part of a single plan of finance. The  
125 first installment or the first sinking fund payment of any such series of  
126 obligations, other than obligations secured solely by a pledge of  
127 revenue to be derived from sewerage system use charges, shall mature  
128 or shall be due not later than three years from the date of issue of such  
129 series and the last installment or the last sinking fund payment shall  
130 mature or shall be due not later than [thirty] forty years from the date  
131 of issue of such series or, if any notes have been issued in anticipation  
132 thereof or are to be paid from the proceeds thereof, from the date of  
133 issue of the first such note. The first installment or the first sinking  
134 fund payment of any series of obligations issued under the authority of  
135 this chapter which are secured solely by a pledge of revenues to be  
136 derived from sewerage system use charges shall mature or shall be due  
137 not later than four years from the date of issue of such series and the  
138 last installment or the last sinking fund payment shall mature or shall  
139 be due not later than thirty years from the date of the issue of such  
140 series or, if any notes have been issued in anticipation thereof or are to  
141 be paid from the proceeds thereof, from the date of issue of the first  
142 such note.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	Number 511 of the special acts of 1929, Sec. 39(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	Number 511 of the special acts of 1929, Sec. 14

Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	Number 511 of the special acts of 1929, Sec. 49
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	7-263